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CHROMOSOME 5q35

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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2008, the claims of Group I, (Claims 1, 3, 6, 27-30, 36-42, and 44-48) drawn to a method of diagnosing a susceptibility to type II diabetes comprising detecting a polymorphism in a SLIT-3 nucleic acid and methods for detecting SLIT-3 nucleic acids, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect marker DG5S881 as the species. The sequence relating to marker DG5S881 is shown in Fig. 12 as SEQ ID NO: 227. Claims readable on the elected species are 1, 3, 27, 28, 29, 45, 46, 47 and 48.

Please amend the application as follows: